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TO US SOCIAL SECURITY ADMIN - DIO BALTIMORE MD
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TAGS: CFED
SUBJ: SOCIAL SECURITY VALIDATION SURVEY

REF: STATE A-1640

1. PLEASE PROVIDE ASAP NAMES AND TITLES OF THE FOUR SSA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL COMPOSE SSA SURVEY TEAM. INFO NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FROM GOI AUTHORIZATION FOR TEAM MEMBERS TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT ITALY TO INTERVIEW BENEFICIARIES AND EXAMINE RECORDS.

2. IN VIEW OF UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION OF TATALIZATION AGREEMENT AND RESULTING HIGH ACTIVITY, EMBASSY FEELS IT UNWISE TO USE FBU PERSONNEL AS DRIVERS/INTERPRETERS. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO EXPLORE AVAILABILITY OF OTHER TEMPORARY HIRE FOR SURVEY.

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3. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT FOR A QUALIFIED DRIVER/ INTERPRETER SSA WOULD HAVE TO PAY ABOUT LIRE 4,329 PER HOUR PLUS PER DIEM, AS REQUIRED. PER DIEM RATES PRESENTLY IN EFFECT IN ITALY ARE AS FOLLOWS: BOLOGNA DLR 52, FLORENCE 64, GENOA 50, LEGHORN 33, MILAN 67, NAPLES 46, ROME 62, SICILY 53, TARANTO 41, TRIESTE 42, TORINO

56, VENICE 54, VERONA 45, ALL OTHER AREAS 32. THIS INFO SHOULD PROVIDE YOU WITH GOOD IDEA ON TOTAL COST FOR THE FOUR DRIVERS/INTERPRETERS THAT WOULD BE NEEDED.

4. RENTAL OF AUTOMOBILES, FIATS 128, WOULD COST FROM ABOUT 1.8 TO 2 MILLION LIRE EACH FOR THE ENTIRE THREE-MONTH SURVEY PERIOD. HOWEVER, IF AUTOMOBILES WERE TO BE PURCHASED, TAX FREE AND WITH DIPLOMATIC DISCOUNT, THEY WOULD COST ABOUT 2.5 MILLION EACH.

THE AUTOMOBILE AVAILABLE AT QUOTED PRICE IS A THREE-DOOR, 1050 CC, FIAT 127 CL, WHICH WOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR SURVEY PURPOSES.

5. IN VIEW OF HIGH COST OF RENTAL AND UNAVAILABILITY OF MOTOR POOL VEHICLE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILES.

6. YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON PURCHASE OF CARS AS WELL AS YOUR CONCURRENCE ON EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL RE DRIVERS/INTERPRETERS WILL BE APPRECIATED. IN ADDITION, IF SSA DECIDES ON PURCHASE OF VEHICLES, YOU SHOULD ADVISE, FOR PROPER CREDITING PURPOSES, ON THE DISPOSITION OF FUNDS THAT WOULD BE ULTIMATELY REALIZED FROM SALE OF CARS. GARDNER

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